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SUB: Cambodian Border Incidents

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR	
REVIEWED BY <i>Ambley</i>	DATE <i>10/9/80</i>
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE	
TS AUTH. REASON(S)	
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐	
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1. During interim period before reopening of U.S. mission Phnom Penh, FSO Elden Erickson will be attached to Australian Emb there in order to make preliminary administrative arrangements. If a major border incident should occur during this interim, it is possible that RKG may invite Erickson to accompany Cambodian officials and/or ICC to visit site. He has been instructed politely to decline such invitation on grounds of lack of military expertise and strictly administrative character of his duties. However, if Australian Ambassador concurs, he may propose that an

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officer from Saigon, or alternatively from office of Army or Air Attaché Vientiane visit Cambodia, to accompany investigating party.

2. Saigon is requested to ^{arrange for designation of} ~~designate~~ one or more qualified available military officers who could be ~~XXXXXX~~ for such investigation on not more than 24 hours notice from Australian Emb Phnom Penh. If sent for, such officer should travel in civilian clothes by commercial air. In such contingency, he should if possible also be designated as investigating officer of incident in question.

3. FYI we think it unlikely Cambodians will press now for U.S. participation in any such field trips or will accept participation of officer from Saigon or Vientiane. We do, however, expect that once U.S. diplomatic mission is re-
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established, U.S. ~~defense~~ attachés will be invited to visit sites of alleged border incidents.

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